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There are also homes on old well heads. One of the documented threats is the release of methane into structures. The wells create pathways for methane to move around the aquifer.

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/swims/OnlineServices/methane-mitigation-standards.aspx> Rules

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/swims/OnlineServices/search-methane-hazards-esri.aspx> Mapping tool

There's an older study I can't find right now that explains the mechanism of methane's movement and describes how a Ross store blew up in West Hollywood when methane accumulated in the building.

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Very interesting Deldi. While this article addresses active wells, LA has a number of inactive wells, including some that are likely not listed or whose location is inaccurately represented in DOGGR's databases. In fact, when I was looking into the concerns around Carver Elementary I found that the historical documents (permits/engineering reports from 1940's-50's) described well sites that were not shown in the databases. I am not sure to what extent inactive oil wells could threaten public health, but there are many schools that are built on top of or adjacent to former oil wells.

-Eric

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### **Oil Rules That Aren't Enforced**

A 1966 city planning document could have come in handy when residents complained nearly 50 years later about South L.A. oil wells making them ill. The document, which The Times found in an archive, listed operating requirements that officials apparently did not follow through on. It points to broader weaknesses in city oversight of [roughly 1,000 active wells](#), some near homes and schools.

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